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MONROE, NH-BARNET, VT BRIDGE TO BE CLOSED FOR REHABILITATION EIGHT MONTH CLOSURE OF CONNECTICUT RIVER BRIDGE WILL BEGIN APRIL 3

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the Vermont Agency of Transportation announce work is about to get underway on the rehabilitation of the bridge carrying McIndoes Falls Road over the Connecticut River between Monroe, New Hampshire and Barnet, Vermont.

This construction project involves the rehabilitation of the existing truss bridge. It will include removing the existing wooden deck and replacing it with a concrete composite deck, reconstructing the existing wooden sidewalk, replacing some structural steel, paint removal and re-painting, and roadway approach work on both sides of the bridge to include drainage, paving and safety improvements.

In order to perform this work, the bridge will be closed to traffic on Monday, April 3 through November 2006. During this time period, the approach roads, McIndoes Falls Road in New Hampshire and Monroe Road in Vermont, will be open to local traffic only and closed to through traffic. Signs will advise motorists to seek alternate routes.

Michael Hansen Construction of New London, New Hampshire is the contractor for the \$1.98 million project, which has a completion date of November 22, 2006.